



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report

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Week Ending July 24, 2016

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 6.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, July 24, 2016**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 14 percent very short, 41 percent short, 41 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 12 percent very short, 37 percent short, 45 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 71.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Leesville to 78.3 degrees Fahrenheit at New Orleans. Highs ranged from 89.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano to 98.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Saint Joseph. Most of the state received some rainfall with the southeast part of the state receiving the most at an average of 2.57 inches.

Crop progress for week ending July 24, 2016

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, dough	98	95	95	98
Corn, dent	84	70	88	52
Corn, mature	21	6	36	28
Cotton, squaring	98	91	98	99
Cotton, setting bolls	76	65	79	82
Cotton, open bolls	6	1	0	3
Hay, second cutting	55	47	61	64
Rice, headed	86	81	89	84
Rice, mature	36	20	28	18
Rice, harvested	12	1	2	3
Sorghum, headed	99	95	98	98
Sorghum, coloring	76	62	76	74
Sorghum, mature	20	3	11	12
Soybeans, blooming	95	89	90	90
Soybeans, setting pods	80	68	80	78
Soybeans, turning color	6	0	18	7

Crop condition for week ending July 24, 2016

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn	1	11	31	53	4
Cotton	0	5	21	70	4
Livestock	1	4	27	62	6
Pasture	1	10	35	48	6
Rice	0	5	31	56	8
Sorghum	0	5	29	53	13
Soybeans	0	6	24	63	7
Sugarcane	1	1	14	62	22
Sweet Potatoes	0	1	21	73	5
Vegetables	1	10	32	54	3

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Tremendous watermelon season about to end for summer and getting fields ready for fall planting. Afternoon thunderstorms are problematic for some fieldwork, overall conditions are favorable. Home gardeners are preparing sites for fall plantings of many vegetables.”

– Henry Harrison, Washington Parish

“Rice harvest is progressing between showers, stubble management practices are being carried out in preparation for the ratoon crop. Hay harvest is being delayed by threat of rain most days. Sugarcane planting is just started with good size cane for planting. Cattle ranchers are beginning to wean spring calves and pull bulls to end breeding season.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

“Rain showers this week are pushing producers around in all crop areas. The rice harvest has started, yields are mixed at this time, and some say early varieties are about average. Weather permitting some grain sorghum will be harvested soon. Corn turning fairly quick. Hay producers have been struggling with rain showers on cut fields with more rain expected. Many reports of armyworms in hay fields, producers are treating. Commercial and home vegetable gardens are struggling with high heat and many insect issues.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Some pop-up thunder storms brought some needed rain and some unwanted wind. Some corn, cotton and soybeans blown down. Corn harvest has begun.”

– Carol Pinnell-Alison, Franklin Parish

“Rice is being harvested and more fields being drained. Yield is mixed from 25-45 barrels. Soybeans need a rain and hay fields need a shower to get a better quality second cutting. Ranchers mowing pastures and some fieldwork being done with dry weather.”

– Jimmy Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

“Rain continues to slow fieldwork as sugarcane farmers attempt to wrap up fallow ground preparations and start planting. With good height and density of plant cane planting ratios should be good this year; however the start of planting will be delayed as farmers will be dodging rains. Hopefully by the first week in August sugarcane planting will be in full swing.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending July 24, 2016										
Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	97.4	75.1	86.3	82.5	3.8	0.94	2	0.24	1.40	-2.26
Mooringsport	96.7	76.6	86.6	83.3	3.4	0.10	1	-0.54	0.78	-2.10
Red River	94.8	76.8	85.8	83.3	2.5	NA	0	-0.55	1.81	-1.50
Shreveport	95.9	74.1	85.0	83.0	2.0	0.02	1	-1.03	1.70	-1.95
Extreme/Average	96.2	75.7	85.9	83.0	2.9	0.35	2	-0.47	1.42	-1.95
North Central										
Calhoun	95.3	74.7	85.0	81.5	3.6	0.00	0	-0.62	0.95	-2.22
Farmerville	97.3	76.7	87.0	82.4	4.6	0.21	2	-0.60	0.31	-3.74
Homer	95.8	73.0	84.4	80.8	3.6	NA	NA	NA	0.29	-2.64
Extreme/Average	96.1	74.8	85.5	81.6	3.9	0.10	2	-0.61	0.52	-2.87
Northeast										
Lake Providence	94.3	76.4	85.4	82.7	2.7	0.00	0	-0.70	1.57	0.01
St Joseph	98.2	74.2	86.2	82.8	3.4	0.22	1	-0.49	1.54	-2.15
Tallulah	96.4	75.6	86.0	82.2	3.8	0.00	0	-0.72	1.70	-1.82
Winnsboro	96.2	77.2	86.7	82.8	3.9	0.02	1	-0.58	1.80	-1.67
Extreme/Average	96.3	75.9	86.1	82.6	3.4	0.06	1	-0.62	1.65	-1.41
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	81.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	95.5	74.8	85.1	82.9	2.3	NA	NA	NA	0.83	-2.65
Leesville	95.3	71.9	83.6	81.6	2.0	0.21	2	-0.55	1.00	-2.85
Natchitoches	94.7	76.1	85.4	83.8	1.6	0.38	1	-0.69	0.99	-2.80
Extreme/Average	95.2	74.3	84.7	82.5	2.0	0.29	2	-0.62	0.94	-2.77
Central										
Alexandria	95.3	74.1	84.7	83.5	1.3	2.00	1	1.15	3.50	-0.75
Bunkie	94.0	75.3	84.7	82.6	-7.9	0.00	0	-0.66	3.80	0.25
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	83.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	92.3	75.1	83.7	82.7	1.0	0.13	1	-0.63	2.07	-1.67
New Roads	90.5	72.0	81.3	83.0	-1.8	NA	NA	NA	3.14	-0.63
Extreme/Average	93.0	74.1	83.6	83.1	-1.9	0.71	1	-0.05	3.13	-0.70
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.84	5	0.57	9.42	3.54
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	81.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.26	NA
Slidell	90.6	75.0	82.8	NA	NA	0.98	4	NA	5.05	NA
Extreme/Average	90.6	75.0	82.8	81.8	NA	1.41	5	0.57	5.58	3.54
Southwest										
Crowley	91.5	74.5	83.0	82.2	0.8	NA	NA	NA	0.72	-4.10
DeRidder	93.4	74.0	83.7	82.3	1.4	0.92	5	0.01	1.31	-3.56
Jennings	90.7	76.6	83.6	82.3	1.4	1.93	4	0.92	4.42	-0.46
Oberlin Fire	92.3	74.6	83.4	82.0	1.4	0.82	3	-0.25	2.56	-2.71
Extreme/Average	92.0	74.9	83.4	82.2	1.2	1.22	5	0.23	2.25	-2.71
South Central										
Donaldsonville	92.0	74.7	83.4	82.0	1.4	2.22	3	0.89	6.74	0.72
Jeanerette	91.4	74.4	82.9	82.3	0.6	1.20	4	-0.17	1.98	-4.76
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	81.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	90.6	76.7	83.6	82.3	1.4	0.81	3	-0.61	1.99	-4.53
Extreme/Average	91.3	75.3	83.3	82.1	1.1	1.41	4	0.04	3.57	-2.86
Southeast										
Galliano	89.1	78.0	83.6	82.4	1.2	3.00	5	1.21	7.30	-0.01
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.52	4	1.24	8.62	2.90
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	96.0	78.3	87.2	NA	NA	2.18	4	NA	5.87	NA
Extreme/Average	92.5	78.2	85.4	82.4	1.2	2.57	5	1.23	7.26	1.45
State	93.5	75.4	84.5	82.4	1.3	0.95	3	0.02	3.03	-1.05

DFN = Departure from Normal.
Normal = Averaged Collected Data from the Years 1981-2010.
NA = Not Available.